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Appointment of officers for acquisition of house-sites for Harijans in Malabar.

* 1009 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed officers in Malabar specially to deal with acquisition of house-sites for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"The proposal is under consideration."

Teacher-pupil ratio in elementary schools.

* 1010 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—"Answer will be printed in the proceedings as the hon. Member is not in his place."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any orders to the effect that the teacher-pupil ratio should be 60 pupils per teacher in elementary schools conducted by local bodies with effect from June 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The attention of the hon. Minister is invited to my answer to starred question No. 934."

Provincialization of the medical institutions of local boards in Tanjore.

* 1011 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to provincialize any of the medical institutions managed by local boards in Tanjore district during the year 1954–55 under the new schemes item P. 75 (38. Medical) at page 121 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55; and

(*b*) if so, how many?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Grants to the local bodies of Tanjore for road works.

* 1012 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the amount proposed to be allotted to the Tanjore district from the grants to local bodies for road works included in the Five-Year Plan mentioned as item 104 at page 123 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Only a lump-sum grant of Rs. 10 lakhs has been provided in the budget for payment of grants to district boards for road works in the Five-Year Plan of road development. The amounts to be distributed to the various district boards out of the provision will be decided after receipt of applications called for from district boards for grants for works in progress and new works."

Conversion of shrotriyams and zamin villages into ryotwari villages and compensation paid to them in North Arcot.

* 1013 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of shrotriyams and zamin villages converted into ryotwari villages in North Arcot district under the Zamindari Abolition Act up to the end of 1953; and

(b) the total amount of compensation paid for them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) 153 estates.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 12,60,284 has been deposited with the Tribunal towards advance compensation."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If it is the desire of the House that answers should be printed in the proceedings, I have no objection. But in that case, hon. Members can know the answers only after two or three months as it takes such a long time to print the proceedings."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Why not further extend the question hour? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have already spent an hour and a half on questions. I shall allow a few supplementaries on each question hereafter."

(Short notice question No. 1014 answered on 18th May 1954.)

Expenditure incurred on the security measures adopted during the recent visit of the Prime Minister of India.

* 1015 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent by the State Government on security arrangements when the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, passed through this State on his tour of Travancore-Cochin State recently for election propaganda?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A sum of Rs. 13,617 was spent on security arrangements when the Hon. Prime Minister passed through this State recently."